Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of May has arrived in all its beauty, and it beckons to us to continue our Easter joy with our Blessed Mother. The beautiful Month of Mary brings us into the full bloom of spring and the flowers of springtime. There is something delightfully useless about flowers. They don't give us any utility for ourselves, but rather serve merely to beautify by sight and smell. Flowers are a wonderful sign of God's Beauty and Delight.

Yes, May is a month especially for flowers and, most fittingly, especially for honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. The flowers we give to her this month signify the overflowing and effusive nature of our love for her. We adorn her sacred images with flowers not for any utility for ourselves but rather to show her our deep love and honor.

It is a wonderful coincidence that the American Mother's Day falls in Mary's month. Everyone has a loving Mother in the Blessed Virgin Mary. No matter what kind of earthly mother one may have had, he can always celebrate Mother's Day this month by feeling loved and nurtured by his Mother in Heaven. Jesus has given her to us and us to her to share this love, which will lead us to grow into the image of Jesus Himself. Mary forms Jesus in souls. This is her fruitful motherhood. We are overjoyed to receive such love! It calls for flowers!

Therefore, as we live this month of May - Mary's month - every Catholic takes it upon himself to make plans to honor his heavenly Mother in some special concrete way. We can do the same. We can pick one particular significant act of Marian piety to accomplish during this holy month that belongs to her. Perhaps we will adorn a particularly beloved image of her with flowers. Perhaps we will make a pilgrimage to one of her shrines. Perhaps we will invite a friend to pray the Rosary with us. We will do something this month concretely and joyfully to honor our Blessed Mother.

Pray for me, Father Joseph Previtali
Our Lady of the Pillar
Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

Our Lady of the Pillar
Monday Nights
Adult Catechism with Father Joe
7:30pm—8:30pm @ New Hall

Third Tuesday of the Month
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Old Hall—7:00pm

Tuesday Nights
Bible Study
5:30pm— 7:00pm @ Conference Room

Miércoles por la Noche
Estudio de la Biblia
7:00pm en el Salón Viejo (Old Hall)

Saturday Morning
Legion of Mary Meeting
Conference Room
9:00am— 11:00am

Second Sunday of the Month
Hospitality after 8:00am Mass (Old Hall)

Clases de Bautizo Para Padres y Padrinos
El cuarto Viernes del Mes
7:00pm en el Old Hall ( Salon Viejo)

Obituary Announcements

Our Lady of the Pillar Parish
would like to express its deepest condolences to the families
of Edward Hugh Wade, Eileen Giannini and Angela
Marcheschi. Please, remember them in your prayers.

Parish Announcements

Natural Family Planning Course
Saturdays May 20, 27, and June 3
St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco
Deacon Bill and Pat Turrentine 415-246-3160 Email Nicole Hull at nicolehull87@gmail.com live-the-love.org
A new three-class course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of
Natural Family Planning (NFP) starts Saturday, May 20, at St.
Dominic Church in San Francisco. The cost is $130. Complete
information and registration are at the website, above.
Also available are an online self-paced course and Live
Online options. Many couples report a deeper respect for their
spouse and a strengthening of their marriage by practicing
NFP. Questions? E-mail or phone, see above.

Preparación para Bautismo
Las clases de Bautismo en Español son todos los cuartos
Viernes de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en el Church Hall.
Para mas información visite nuestra pagina de Web:
http://www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments o llame a la
oficina de Iglesia (650)726-4674.

Our Lady of the Pillar
Fiscal Year Income Statement
through 3rd Quarter July 2016 through March 2017

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income
41xx · Collections 233,760.83
42xx · Sacramental Offerings 12,656.00
43xx · Development/Fundraisers 15,135.49
44xx · Educational & Sacramental Fees 33,884.00
45xx · Gifts, Donations & Grants 12,075.00
46xx · Other Operating Income 51,578.19
49xx · Donor Restricted Donations 2,633.27
Total Income 361,722.78

Expense
61xx · Personnel Costs 128,993.85
62xx · Payroll Taxes 5,956.10
63xx · Employee Benefits 36,052.62
64xx · Transportation & Travel 3,240.00
70xx · Educational Expenses 13,260.62
72xx · Property Costs* 89,883.42
73xx · Utilities 26,846.94
74xx · Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment 7,946.28
75xx · General & Administrative 19,722.88
76xx · Other Operating Expenses 51,665.09
8022 · Rental tax (Archdiocese) 1,850.80
Total Expense 385,418.60

Net Ordinary Income - 23,695.82

*includes New Hall repair expense

I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your
generosity to our parish. We have a great oppor-
tunity to do more and more, the more we give!
Father Previtali

SAVE THIS DATE
Wednesday, May 17th, 2017
7:00 pm — 9:00 pm

For the quarterly meeting of THE
PATRICIANS. We will be presenting
another interesting topic. "Does
Prayer Really Work?" at the Confer-
ence Room. All are welcome.

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APARTE ESTA FECHA!
Miércoles 17 de Mayo 2017
7:00pm a 9:00pm

Para la reunión trimestral de LOS PATRICIOS.
Vamos a presentar otro tema interesante. "¿La
oración realmente funciona?" en el Salón de Con-
ferencias. Todos están invitados.
The effect of Baptism is to remit both original and actual sin as well as all guilt and punishment which they incur. No kind of punishment must be enjoined for past sins upon those just newly baptized. Hence, those who die immediately after Baptism are admitted to the glory of God without delay. The effect, therefore, of Baptism is the opening of the gates of paradise.

Errors Concerning Baptism

There have been certain errors concerning this Sacrament. The first was that of the Solentiani, who received a baptism not of water but of the spirit. Against them the Lord says: "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." The second error was that of the Donatists, who re-baptized those who had been baptized by the Catholics. Against them it is written: "One faith, one baptism." They also err in holding that a man in the state of sin cannot baptize. Against them it is said:

"He upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining upon Him, He it is that baptized." It is thus seen that a minister who is himself evil does not invalidate either this or any of the other Sacraments, because it is Christ who, by the merits of His passion, gives to each Sacrament its efficacy; and He is good. The fourth error is that of the Pelagians who say that children must be baptized because by their regeneration they, as adopted children of God, are admitted into the kingdom, but by this regeneration they are not freed from original sin.
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**St. Anthony’s**

| 6:00pm May 13 | Peggy Gust + |
| 9:00am May 14 | The Burns Family + |
| 6:00pm May 20 | Jay Cody Olsen + |
| 9:00am May 21 | Jan Latham + |

**Our Lady of Refuge**

| 10:30am May 14 | Claudina Barcelos + |
| 10:30am May 21 | Dorothy Wylie + |

**Pray for Our Parishioners Who are Sick**

**Sick Relatives & Friends/ Parientes y Amigos Enfermos**

Pray that God’s, healing power will fill them with strength and hope.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

El mes de Mayo ha llegado en toda su belleza y nos invita a continuar nuestra alegría Pascual con nuestra Santísima Madre. El hermoso Mes de María nos lleva a la plena floración de la primavera y las flores de la primavera. Hay algo deliciosamente inútil acerca de las flores. No nos dan ninguna utilidad para nosotros mismos, sino que sirven simplemente para embellecer por la vista y el olfato. Las flores son un maravilloso signo de la belleza y deleite de Dios.

Sí, Mayo es un mes especialmente para las flores y, lo más apropiado, especialmente para honrar a la Virgen María. Las flores que le damos este mes significan la naturaleza desbordante y efusiva de nuestro amor por ella. Nosotros adornamos sus imágenes sagradas con flores no para cualquier utilidad para nosotros mismos, sino más bien para mostrarle nuestro profundo amor y honor.

Es una maravillosa coincidencia que el Día de la Madre Americana cae en el mes de María. Cada uno tiene una Madre amorosa en la Santísima Virgen María. No importa qué clase de madre terrenal uno pudo haber tenido, él puede siempre celebrar el día de la madre este mes sintiendo amado y consolidado por su madre en el cielo. Jesús nos la ha dado a ella y a nosotros para compartir este amor, que nos llevará a crecer en la imagen de Jesús mismo. María forma a Jesús en las almas. Ésta es su fructífera maternidad. ¡Estamos muy contentos de recibir tal amor! ¡Llama a las flores!

Por lo tanto, como vivimos este mes de mayo - el mes de María - cada católico se encarga de hacer planes para honrar a su Madre celestial de alguna manera concreta. Podemos hacer lo mismo. Podemos escoger un acto significativo de piedad mariana para lograr durante este mes sagrado que le pertenece. Tal vez adornaremos una imagen particularmente querida de ella con flores. Tal vez haremos una peregrinación a uno de sus santuarios. Tal vez invitaremos a un amigo a rezar el Rosario con nosotros. Haremos algo este mes concreto y alegremente para honrar a nuestra madre.

Oren por mi, Padre José Previtali